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SUBJECT: FRG, YUGOSLAV DELS TO ITU CONFERENCE DISCUSS PROBLEM
OF 611 KHZ FREQUENCY

REF: GENEVA 6368, BONN 17161

FOR INEXPLICABLE REASONS, FOLLOWING TEL, DRAFTED IN FINAL FORM
OCT 25, NEVER SENT AND IS REPEATED HEREWITH FOR INFORMATION:

QUOTE

REF: GENEVA 6368

1. KUPPER, CHIEF OF FRG DEL TO ITU REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING
CONF TOLD TEL ATT OCT 25 THAT HE HAD HAD LUNCHEON WITH YUGOSLAV
CHIEF DEL L. DULOVIC, DIRECTOR OF YUGOSLAV FEDERAL RADIO-
COMMUNICATIONS, ON OCT 24 AND HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF
INTERFERENCE BETWEEN 611 KHZ FREQUENCY AFN STATIONS IN FRG AND
611 KHZ YUGOSLAV STATION AT SARAVEJO.

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2. YUGOSLAVS REQUESTED THAT FRG MOVE AFN STATIONS OFF 611 KHZ BUT FRG REFUSED SAYING THIS FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENT, BASED ON TREATY ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN US, FRG. IN ADDITION NEW REGION ASSIGNMENT PLAN TO BE WORKED OUT IN 1975 ON BASIS OF 9 KHZ CHANNEL SPACING WILL REQUIRE NUMEROUS FREQUENCY CHANGES AND NOW NOT TIME FOR YUGOSLAVS TO THINK OF INCREASING POWER OF THEIR SARAVEJO TRANSMITTER AND BUYING NEW EQUIPMENT.

3. KUPPER REITERATED WILLINGNESS OF BOTH FRG AND US TO MAKE TESTS RE INTERFERENCE ON 611 KHZ FREQUENCY AND TO MAKE POWER ADJUSTMENTS ON AFB STATIONS IF NEEDED. DUKOVIC CONTINUED TO REACT NEGATIVELY TO ANY PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATION WITH US OFFICIALS, ENGINEERS.

4. KUPPER TOLD DULOVIC THAT SOVIET STATION IN KIEV ALSO ON 611 KHZ. DULOVIC PROFESSED TO BE SURPRISED AND TO HAVE NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF FACT. KUPPER WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT HIS PROFESSED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF FACT SOVIETS WERE ALSO BROADCASTING ON 611 KHZ FREQUENCY.

5. KUPPER COMMENTED, FINALLY, THAT US UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION NEGATIVE IMPACT ON FRG AND ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OF ITU REGIONAL CONFERENCE DECISION TO PREPARE NEW ASSIGNMENT PLAN ON BASIS OF 9 KHZ CHANNEL SPACING IN VIEW OF FACT ONE CHANNEL WILL BE LOST TO FRG AND OTHERS IN EXECUTION OF THIS PLANNING PRINCIPLE. HE SAID THAT US MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER MOVING INTO VHF BROADCASTING IN FRG. HE DID NOT, OF COURSE, STATE HIS SUGGESTION WAS YET OFFICIAL OR FIRM, BUT DID STRESS THAT FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR MORE AVAILABLE FREQUENCIES ON MW WERE DIM. UNQUOTE ABRAMS

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